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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY, JUNE 1, 1978 (SALT TWO-1768)

REFS: A. SALT TWO 1769 B. SALT TWO 1770 C. SALT TWO 1748

- 1. AT JUNE 1 PLENARY (SENATOR KENNEDY PRESENT) MY STATE-MENT (REF A) TABLED PROPOSAL FOR SECOND AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE IV, PARA 9 (ICBM NEW TYPES) WHICH RESTRICTS MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RVS ON EXEMPTED ICBM TO MAXIMUM NUMBER FLIGHT-TESTED OR DEPLOYED BY EITHER PARTY AS OF APRIL 15, 1978.
- 2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT (REF B) NOTED SOVIET EFFORTS TOWARD ACHIEVING AGREEMENT AND SAID "IF NEGOTIATIONS HAVE DRAGGED ON FOR SO LONG THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS DOES NOT REST WITH US." SEMENOV ALSO CITED GROMYKO'S UN STATEMENT THAT USSR WAS PREPARED RIGHT AFTER SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT TO TURN TO NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS AND FURTHER QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS. MOST OF STATEMENT REVIEWED AND SECRET

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REAFFIRMED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE II.3 (HEAVY BOMBERS). WITH REGARD TO CONSULTATIONS AND US QUESTION ON POSSIBLE VETO (REF C), SEMENOV STATED, "AS FOR THE MENTION MADE HERE OF A SO-CALLED 'VETO', THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR IT." FURTHER, IN DISCUSSING AIRPLANES SPECIALLY BUILT TO CARRY CRUISE MISSILES OR ASBMS, HE STATED THAT "SHAPE OR SIZE OF FUSELAGE" IS OF NO CONCERN.

3. IN POST PLENARY DISCUSSION ON ICBM NEW TYPES SEMENOV
REVIEWED RATIONALE FOR SOVIET PROPOSAL TO EXEMPT ONE SINGLE
RV ICBM. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY US PROPOSAL
TO MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON.

4. NEXT PLENARY, THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1978. PEREZ

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